

line 2, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;
line 3, delete "Specification" and insert --1. Field of the Invention--.

Page 2, line 19, insert --2. Description of the Related Art--

Page 5, line 3, insert the following paragraph:

WO 96/06203A discloses the manufacture of electrochromic elements by coating with WO_3 , Nb_2O_5 , V_2O_5 , NiO or IrO_2 by reactive sputtering in an atmosphere of oxygen and argon.

line 19, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 10, line 14, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--,

line 17, delete "The electrochromic";
between lines 17 and 18, insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

line 18, before "element" insert --The electrochromic--.